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'New Era of Justice' In U. S. Seen by Hiss

PARIS, Aug. 9 (AP)—Alger Hiss, who former President Richard M. Nixon helped send to prison in a sensational spy case almost 25 years ago, said today that the Nixon resignation may open "a new era of justice in our country."

The case, which began in 1948, brought Mr. Nixon his first national publicity and also won him many bitter enemies for his rough tactics.

Mr. Hiss, who lives in New York and is vacationing on the French Riviera, issued the following statement today:

"I would hope that this resignation will not diminish our people's search for the truth, which should continue without interruption. This can be the beginning of a new era of justice in our country which no one could welcome more than I."

Mr. Nixon backed Whitaker Chambers, who charged Mr. Hiss with spying for the Soviet Union. Mr. Nixon pushed the case in the House Committee on Un-American Activities until Mr. Hiss was convicted in 1950 for perjury.

Mr. Hiss, 69 years old, who has been out of prison for 20 years, is still fighting in the courts to clear his name.

Mr. Nixon later conceded that his tactics in the Hiss case had left him with many enemies who, he said, contributed to his defeat in the 1960 Presidential election.